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## **Thurston County's Most Wanted Arrested in Oregon**

On Monday evening, at approximately 10:00 PM, deputy U.S. Marshals from Washington and Oregon, along with Thurston County Narcotics Task Force detectives and local law enforcement officers from Oregon, arrested Alden Yale in Beaverton, Oregon.

On Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Alden Yale, age 33, of Lacey, was charged in Thurston County Superior Court with 23 criminal counts including, Leading Organized Crime, Distribution of Methamphetamine, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Money Laundering and Witness Intimidation. A warrant for Yale's arrest was issued on the same day and the hunt for Yale began. The charges stem from a long term investigation conducted by the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force. Yale, having become aware of the charges against him, immediately fled the area and his whereabouts were unknown.

On Monday morning, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force requested the assistance of the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task (PNWFAT) in locating and apprehending Yale. PNWFAT investigators soon developed information that Yale had fled to Oregon and the assistance of the Oregon, U.S. Marshals Service sponsored High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Fugitive Task Force was requested. PNWFAT investigators, their counterparts from the Oregon HIDTA Fugitive Task Force, and Thurston County Narcotics Task Force detectives traveled to Beaverton on Tuesday after developing further information as to Yale's potential hideout.

After conducting hours of surveillance on a number of suspected locations, Yale was spotted driving in a vehicle near Interstate 5 in Beaverton. A felony traffic stop involving a large number of law enforcement officers was initiated and Yale had no choice but to self surrender.

"Getting a large scale dealer like Yale off the streets of Thurston County is a great achievement for the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force and we are just glad we could be of assistance", said Eric E. Robertson, the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Washington.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, the U.S. Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

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For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov). For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601 or 253-302-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office at 360-786-5540.